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Front Cover: Maj. David Leedom, 93rd Bomb Squadron B-52 aircraft commander, tells employers about the B-52 aircraft. (Photo by Master Sgt. Jessica D'Aurizio)

Commander's Words

As you approach the end of another year and reflect back on the year's happenings, you all can be very proud of your contributions to our great nation.

We hope to have all our folks demobilized in the very near future and home for the holidays.

During the December unit training assembly, we will be standing up some new squadrons and re-naming a few other organizations in order to implement the Air Force's new combat Wing structure.

This will allow the Operations Group to focus on flying, the Maintenance Group to focus on maintenance, and the Mission Support Group to provide logistics and support.

The end result will be increased combat capability by developing a more proficient and professional force. Most folks will see very little, if any, change in the day-to-day operations of the Wing.

As you approach the upcoming holiday season, reaffirm that your family is still priority one. They have made many sacrifices during this past year, and we could not do our mission without them.

Have a joyous and safe holiday season. I look forward to another great year in 2003 for the 917th Wing.



Brig. Gen. Jack C. Ihle
917th Wing Commander

917th Wing...then and now

-Logistics Group becomes the Maintenance Group.

-Logistics Support Squadron (minus supply & transportation) becomes the Maintenance Operations Squadron.

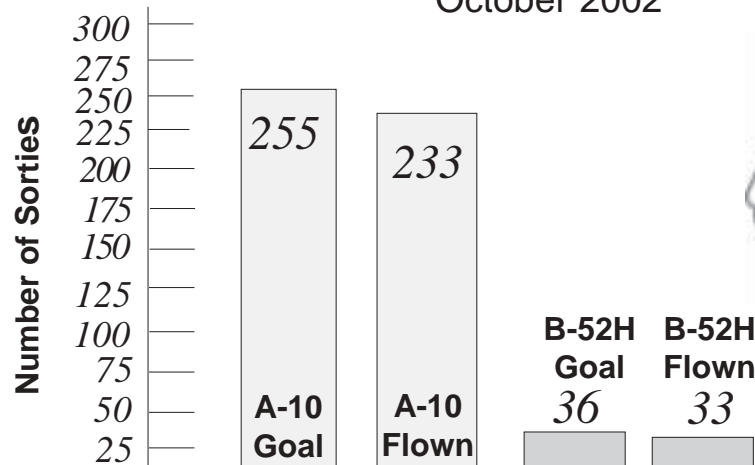
-93rd Flying Squadron Maintenance Unit becomes the 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

-47th Flying Squadron Maintenance Unit becomes the 717th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron.

-Support Group becomes the Mission Support Group.

-Logistics Readiness Squadron (supply, transportation & plans) stands up.

917th Wing Sortie Scoreboard October 2002



A-10 Mission Capable Rate 78.4%
B-52H Mission Capable Rate 82%

AFRC Goal 75%
AFRC Goal 65%



This is the best Wing in the Air Force, and we're proud to work here. We know it, and we want the IG to know it. When they arrive in May, let's...

Show them what we're made of

By Lt. Col. Kevin Wolfe
917th Support Group deputy commander

The phrase, "Show me," is associated with the great state of Missouri. I recently experienced that state first hand during a recent trip to Whiteman Air Force Base and the 442nd Fighter Wing's Unit Compliance Inspection.

When conducting a UCI, the main thrusts of the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Command Inspector General are leadership and management.

Some of the inspectors run specific shop/office checklists, but the emphasis is on overall management of the Wing. How are they assessing management? The inspectors are armed with the unit's last UCI report and its most recent Management Control Plan (MCP) report. They are looking at past findings and observations to make sure problems were corrected and processes were implemented to prevent similar problems in the future.

Review your last UCI, and make sure the processes put in place to fix a finding or observation continue to work. If you don't know what your unit MCP says, ask your supervisor and follow up until you know the answer.

The MCP is the umbrella under which the commander reviews all programs and processes he is responsible for. Self-inspection, government travel cards, IMPAC, manday accounting and budgeting are just a few of the areas that should be part of a unit MCP. It is a road map, developed each year, that gives the unit direction and keeps it on track. As the year progresses, the MCP is used to docu-

ment significant events that occur. Bumps in the road, as well as the best parts of the trip, need to be documented.

Another leadership and management issue has to do with mentoring. Everyone should receive guidance concerning his future with the Wing and the Air Force Reserve. Officers, noncommissioned officers, airmen and civilian employees need a mentor, and the process in which they are mentored should be individualized and documented.

Safety and Operational Risk Management are also two hot areas for the IG. They leave no stone unturned in the safety arena, and they look for systematic safety programs that prevent and address mishaps.

The ORM program, a process used to look for potential hazards and risks, should permeate all areas of our operation. This process allows us to identify hazards, assess them in terms of the risk they present to the mission, analyze the risks, make decisions and then implement risk control and supervise the process. Everyone should have received the Phase I ORM training and completed a work center project by the time the UCI team arrives in May, 2003.

Communication is the key to it all. The IG needs to be assured that policies and procedures are communicated throughout the Wing, and follow-up action is taken to make sure everyone get the word.

This is the best Wing in the Air Force and we're proud to work here. We know it, and we want the IG to know it. But they seem to all be from Missouri, so we will have to "show them" when they get here.



PHOTO BY MASTER SGT. JESSICA D'AURIZIO

Chief Master Sgt. Jack Winsett, 10th Air Force command chief, Master Sgt. Larry Johns and Senior Master Sgt. Henry Marshall, 917th Maintenance Group quality assurance inspectors, delight in conversation at Gatorfest 2002, held on Nov. 2.

Wing participates: Gatorfest 2002 & Base Enlisted Dining Out

Staff Sgt. Wendell Weeks, 917th Communications Flight electronic switching systems mechanic, and wife, Celeste, observe the entertainment provided during Barksdale's Enlisted Dining Out held in November.



PHOTO BY SENIOR MASTER SGT. JAMES JOHNSON

Blood, Sweat and Gears

Reservists maintain bike trails on Barksdale's east side

**By Tech. Sgt. Terrell Eikner
917th Aircraft Maintenance
Squadron UPAR**

A board is placed, and the last nail is driven. A mountain bike enthusiast puts the final touches on a new 200-foot wooden bridge before a bike ride begins on Barksdale's east side.

Wing reservists now maintain two bike trails on the east reservation, providing base and local mountain bikers a place to stay in shape and perfect their bike-riding skills.

"The trails provide great benefits to those who choose to ride them," stated Tech. Sgt. Chris Marien, 917th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician. "The trails provide both beginning and more experienced riders with better training and some technical challenges."

The reservists have been maintaining a seven-mile, mountain-biking loop on the east reservation since the spring of 2000.

Plans to reopen a three-mile trail were postponed after the events of Sept. 11, 2001. The project resumed this spring, and the trail was widened,



PHOTOS BY TECH. SGT. TERRELL EIKNER

Chris Marien, 917th Maintenance Squadron aerospace ground equipment technician, makes an adjustment on his mountain bicycle during a ride on the shorter trail, located on the east side of the base. Marien, along with other Wing reservists, recently completed improvements to the trail, including the new bridge shown here.



re-marked and re-opened about two months ago.

The majority of the work focused on converting a small, narrow hiking bridge into a safe trail for both mountain bikers and runners, Marien said.

"The shorter trail started out as a foot path," he said. "The Natural Resources Office let me use their brush cutter to clean up the path. Michelle Jerome at MW R provided me with facilities and tools to make the repairs."

Rebuilding a new bridge on the shorter trail proved to be most challenging, Marien said.

Marien rides his bicycle across the bridge, located on the shorter trail.

"The old bridge was beginning to rot and sag," he said. "We used as much of the original lumber as we could, and we redesigned the bridge. The Natural Resources Office provided quite a bit of the remaining lumber we needed, and we scrounged up the rest."

"The trails are in good shape now," said Tech. Sgt. Allen Brown, 917th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron electronic warfare systems specialist and bike enthusiast.

"They were originally too narrow and overgrown," he said. "The trails are wider now and have been totally cleared out. The bridge completing the short trail is also finished."

"Simply put, the trails are in the best shape I've ever seen them in. They are ready for use by anyone interested in mountain biking," he said.

Any biker, who has base access, can sponsor as many as five other bikers, Marien said.

"We simply need people to know that the trails are out there, are in fantastic shape, and are ready to go," said Master Sgt. Derek Conrad, 917 AMXS communication and navigation mission systems specialist and fellow bike enthusiast.

Editor's Note: For more information about events at the Barksdale Mountain Bike Trails, register at the Web site, <http://www.clubmtb.com>.

Weathering the storm

Annual bivouac held despite rainy conditions

**By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs**

The show must go on. And that it did, despite the rainy, muddy conditions they were faced with during this year's bivouac. Approximately 100 members from the 917th Civil Engineer Squadron, Services and Military Personnel Flights participated in the annual training exercise held on Oct. 19-20.

"The weather didn't dampen our mission at all," said Lt. Col. Kevin Wolfe, 917th Mission Support Group deputy commander. "We would normally cook on the mobile kitchen trailer, but we had to move our location."

Relocating the mobile kitchen is not an unusual task for the Services Flight, despite the rainy conditions, Wolfe said. "During an Operational Readiness Inspection, a scenario may dictate that the trailer has blown up. We would then be forced to move all the equipment off the trailer as we did today (during the exercise), and move to an alternate location."

The kitchen was moved to a covered area at the site, and hot meals were served on time.

The Civil Engineer Squadron received much of their needed training also, in spite of rainy conditions, according to Master Sgt. Stanley Huff, 917 CES first sergeant.

"We completed our Cat. 1 training on

nuclear, biological and chemical warfare, self-aid buddy care and explosive ordnance reconnaissance," said Huff, and we set up base camp."

Setting up base camp, according to Huff, includes the work of electricians providing lights to all the tents and plumbers providing needed water. "A lot of our plumbers and electricians do the same jobs in civilian life," he said. "So this bivouac fine tunes their training."

Twelve additional members belonging to a Personnel Support for Contingency Operations Team participated in the bivouac. Their purpose...to keep personnel accountability.

"This fulfills an annual requirement for us," said Capt. Kenneth Ratliff, 917 MPF deputy commander. "While here, we learn the basic concepts of PERSCO and how it relates to a field environment. Being here also refreshes everyone's memory on how tents go up, how to set up cots, and use field gear."

"We're like one big family," Huff said, "all for one and one for all, working as a team."

"We do the bivouac on the unit training assembly, so others can participate with us," said Lt. Col. Jesse Sides, 917 CES commander. "We train in this weather, because in a real-world scenario, we may be put in a situation where it rains. We need to get used to it."



Capt. Kenneth Ratliff, 917th Military Personnel Flight deputy commander, pulls the ropes on his tent tight.



Senior Airman Doniel Kidd, 917 SVS Morale, Welfare and Recreation attendant, preheats the generator on a M2 burner.



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PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. SHERRI SAVANT

Senior Airman John Hood, 917th Services Flight technician, marinates steaks he will cook for the evening meal at the yearly bivouac in October. The 917 SVS Flight provided a meal-ready-to-eat for lunch, and hot meals for dinner on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Invite your pastor to Clergy Day

The 917th Wing is scheduled to host a day for clergy members to learn more about the Air Force on Jan. 10, 2003. They will attend a luncheon, where they will be briefed on the mission of the 2nd Bomb Wing and 917th Wing. This will be followed by a tour of the Base Historic Chapel and A-10 and B-52 static displays.

Send your clergy's name, church affiliation, faith group and address to the Public Affairs Office by e-mail at 917WGP.A@barksdale.af.mil, or call 456-8145 with the information. Deadline for nominations is Dec. 13.

Reorganization means uniform change

Uniform requirements changed effective Nov. 1, based on the Combat Wing Reorganization.

Maintenance Group personnel must wear an Air Combat Command patch on the right breast pocket and a 917th Wing patch on the left breast pocket when an approved badge (security police, fire protection, missile, etc.) is not worn on this pocket.

Aircraft maintenance personnel supporting either the 47th Fighter Squadron or the 93rd Bomb Squadron will center their dedicated flying squadron patch 1/2 inch above the name tape.

All other Maintenance Group personnel will center their assigned squadron patch 1/2 inch above the name tape.

'myPay' provides online pay resources

A program designed to help Air Force members more easily manage their pay is now online. Formerly named the Employee/Member Self-Service program, myPay offers improved online services for active-duty, Guard and Reserve airmen, civilian employees, retirees and beneficiaries.

Airmen will be able to view, print and save leave and earning statements; change federal and state tax withholdings; update bank accounts and electronic funds transfer information; edit address information; and control Thrift Savings Plan enrollment.

People can log onto myPay immediately if they have a current E/MSS personal identification number. If they have forgotten

their PIN or are a new user, they can request a PIN on the myPay Web site, <http://www.dfas.mil/mypay/>.

Keeping better control through MCP

With the upcoming Unit Compliance Inspection, it is important to have all the i's dotted and the t's crossed. This is done through the use of management controls.

Management controls are: clear organizational lines of responsibility; delegation of authority; well-defined operating procedures; separation of duties; adequate supervision; assigned accountability for resources; controlled access to resources; and timely documentation and reporting.

These items should be checked under your quality assurance and self-inspection programs and be annotated in your Management Control Plan, maintained by your Assessable Unit Manager.

All discrepancies should be noted in the Wing's Self-Inspection Tracking System and each unit's self-inspection checklist. Review the MCP folder on Y:BUDGET2:MCP. For more information, contact Carol Parsons at 456-9855.

Ushers needed for Independence Bowl

This year's Independence Bowl is scheduled for Dec. 27, at 3:30 p.m. Ushers will be required to practice on Dec. 13, 20 and report to the Independence Stadium on Dec. 27 by 12:30 p.m.

Proceeds from the ushers will be donated to the Gingerbread House, a Shreveport Child Abuse Center. Anyone interested in being an usher should contact Jessica D'Aurizio at 456-8145.

Let us know what you think

Everyone is invited to provide feedback to the 917th Wing Public Affairs Office on how effectively the *Gator Gazette* is meeting their information needs.

Go to the Survey Web site, http://www.afnews.af.mil/internal/survey/survey_index.htm, and log on to the base newspaper readership survey.

This should only take a few minutes, and the results will be reviewed in one month.

Gifts can cost so little, mean so much

**By Chaplain (Lt. Col.) Don Eubanks
Wing Chaplain's Office**

From the Chaplain's Office, Happy Holidays! I am Chaplain Don Eubanks, formally of the 188th Air National Guard, Fort Smith, Ark. I am excited to now be part of a unit that is as highly respected as the 917th Wing. As a civilian, I serve as a United Methodist minister in Paris, Ark.

We are in a season which emphasizes giving and caring for others. Some will go from store to store in an effort to find just the right gift. But there are always those who would be elated to receive a simple smile, a word of encouragement or a slight bit of recognition.

We all work with people who give much beyond what is required to make our lives easier.

We should use this Christmas season to pass kudos to those who go above and beyond.

One of the ways that members of the Wing can give a gift of support to its members, is to help provide food offerings to the Wing Family Support Office. Special boxes have been placed in

each squadron orderly room, specifically to receive non-perishable food contributions.

We also encourage you to give a gift of support to the clergy of your particular faith. You may do this by checking with your clergy person(s), and inviting them to attend Clergy Day, on Jan. 10, 2003, from 10:45 a.m. – 2 p.m., at the Officers' Club. This event will expose them to how you serve your country as a reservist, and to the missions of the 2nd Bomb Wing and 917th Wing. They will also visit the historical chapel here, as well as an A-10 and B-52 static display.

Please call in to the Public Affairs office @ 456-8145 or e-mail to 917WGP.A@barksdale.af.mil with your clergy's name, contact information, address and faith group. The deadline for nominations is Dec. 13.

May God strengthen you in this season. May you find more peace than stress; share more love than hot tempers; give more blessings than you receive; and rise above the hardship, disappointment or loss that comes your way.

God bless and keep you all as we celebrate this Holy Season.



Toliver goes the extra mile

Tech. Sgt. Tim Toliver, 917th Wing assistant chief of personnel employment, helps a customer find a position at another reserve base. Toliver was awarded the Headquarters Air Force Reserve Recruiting Outstanding Personnel Support Award for Fiscal Year '02 for going 'above and beyond' to support recruiting efforts. (Photo by Senior Airman Ebony Nichols)

917th Wing Salutes

NEWCOMERS

917 MDS

Senior Airman Michael Allen
Senior Airman Shawn Coleman
Senior Airman James Matthews
Senior Airman Fredrick Traylor

917 CES

Senior Airman Frank Jackson, Jr.
Senior Airman James Reed

307 RHS

Staff Sgt. Rodney Kilby

917 MOS

Senior Airman Chastity Finkley
917 AMXS

Master Sgt. Allen Cole
Senior Airman Jean Sherred
Senior Airman Kevin Tart

917 MXS

Senior Airman Dennis Fields, III
Senior Airman Carlton Ham
Senior Airman Aaron Ricker
Tech. Sgt. Anthony Sherman

917 CF

Senior Airman Melissa Bingham

PROMOTIONS

To Airman:

Kimberly Porras, 917 MSS

To Airman 1st Class:

Joseph McNerlin, 917 MSS
Michaela Meeks, 917 MDS

Quenekus Moss, 917 MSS

To Senior Airman:

Lesslie Chavis, 917 MSS
Deborah Guilhas, 917 CES
Jessica Lacobee, 307 RHS
Ebony Nichols, 917 WG
Danny Olson, Jr., 307 RHS
Charles Smith, 307 RHS
Jerry Thomas, 917 MSS

To Staff Sergeant:

Charles Davis, III, 93 BS
Shawn Driggers, 917 SFS
John Ennis, 917 AMXS
Tina Herron, 917 MDS
John Paxton, Jr., 917 AMXS
Rodney Rollins, 917 MSS
Sandra Schuster, 917 MDS

To Technical Sergeant:

Jesaundra Acuavera, 917 MDS
Robert Bowen, 917 MDS
Jessie Brouillette, 917 AMXS
Teresa Broxson, 917 MDS
Shannon Costello, 917 WG
Lora Dougherty, 47 FS
Kevin McNeill, 917 MDS
David Schmidt, 917 AMXS
Rodney Shelton, 307 RHS

To Master Sergeant:

Rosita Babb, 917 WG

David Crosby, 917 AMXS

Rachell Wood, 917 AMXS

To Senior Master Sergeant:

Dennis Mummery, 917 AMXS

CCAF GRADUATES

Aviation Maintenance Technology

Tech. Sgt. David Bailey

Staff Sgt. Frank Garza

Senior Airman Abraham Rademacher

Staff Sgt. Curtis Stough

Maintenance Production Management

Master Sgt. Monique Bonton

Disaster Preparedness

Master Sgt. Robert Collins

Aircraft Armament Systems

Master Sgt. John Daye

Personnel Administration

Senior Airman Cato Haggerty, III

Nondestructive Testing Technology

Tech. Sgt. Vincent MacAfore

Construction Technology

Staff Sgt. Larry Mays

Allied Health Sciences

Master Sgt. Michael Mazerat

Social Services

Tech. Sgt. Despena Melton

Criminal Justice

Staff Sgt. Bernard Pettit

Avionic Systems Technology

Tech. Sgt. Duane Wilkinson

Vaccine: *Armed Forces will be protected, exposure could kill*

By Staff Sgt. Sherri Savant
Wing Public Affairs

Anthrax is the most likely biological warfare agent our enemies will use on the battlefield, because it is relatively easy and cheap to produce, according to the Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program. Inhalation anthrax is highly lethal. Nearly 100 percent of those who experience symptoms die without the vaccination.

For the protection of service members, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Gen. John P. Jumper, signed a memorandum to implement the AVIP in October 2002.

The program, according to Jumper, will educate commanders, service members and their families on how to protect themselves from anthrax.

"The threat of anthrax exposure is very real," said Lt. Col. Robert Timm, Wing director of plans. "We need to implement every layer of protection possible between us and the threat. Obtaining the vaccine is critical."

The vaccine is a force protection, preventive medicine measure to decrease the risk of death and operational degradation due to exposure to a perceived high-threat biological warfare agent, according to the Web

"We have a safe and effective vaccine that will protect our men and women in the Armed Forces, and that is the right thing to do."

-Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle
Wing commander

site, www.aviationmedicine.com/anthrax.htm.

The anthrax vaccine is safe and effective and has been licensed for over 30 years, according to the Food and Drug Administration, Center for Disease Control and the National Academy of Sciences.

The vaccine is "an effective vaccine for the protection of humans against anthrax, including inhalation anthrax, caused by all known or possibly engineered strains," according to the National Academy of Sciences.

Like other vaccines, such as the flu shot, anthrax vaccine may cause soreness, redness, itching and swelling at the injection site, all symptoms which go away within a few days.

Fatigue, headache, muscle or joint pain, reactions similar to other vaccines according to the National Academy of Sciences,

occurs in five to 35 percent of vaccine recipients. These side effects typically resolve within 24 to 48 hours of receiving the vaccination.

As of May 2002, the DoD administered more than 2.1 million doses of anthrax vaccine to more than 525,000 service members, with very few serious adverse events.

Designated special mission units, manufacturing and DoD research personnel are currently being immunized and will continue their scheduled series.

The anthrax vaccine is a six-dose schedule followed by an annual booster. The vaccine doses are given at zero, two and four weeks, followed by doses at six, 12 and 18 months and an annual booster thereafter.

Military personnel assigned to or deployed for more than 15 consecutive days in higher threat areas whose performance is essential for certain mission critical capabilities will also receive the vaccine.

"As we experienced last fall with the death of five Americans, anthrax is a deadly weapon," said Brig. Gen. Jack Ihle, Wing commander.

"We have a safe and effective vaccine that will protect our men and women in the Armed Forces, and that is the right thing to do."

For more information, visit the Anthrax Web site, <http://www.anthrax.mil>.

Voices: With the current threat of chemical and biological terrorism, how do you feel about receiving the anthrax vaccine?



Master Sgt. Stanley Huff
917th Civil Engineer Squadron

"I don't think all the facts are in, but I would probably take it for safety reasons."



Tech. Sgt. Yon Hafer
917th Readiness Flight

"If it becomes mandatory, I wouldn't mind receiving the vaccine."



Senior Airman April Adkins
917th Mission Support Squadron

"I'd be willing to take the vaccine, since it is going to protect me from anthrax."



Maj. Bobby Holland
917th Services Flight

"I trust the government, and I will take the vaccine when it becomes available."

917th Wing Training Schedule

December 7-8, 2002

Time	Event	Location
Saturday		
0630-0700	Sign-in	Assigned unit
0700	Wing staff meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0700	Intro -- all newcomers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0700	Physical exam (flyers)	Base hospital (lobby)
0730	Detailed physical exam (non-flyers)	Base hospital
0730-1000	Body fat measurement	Family practice
0730-1430	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	Routine physical exam	Base hospital, 2nd floor
0800 & 1300	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0900	Anti-terrorism training	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900-1400	Immunizations	Base hospital, 1st floor
0930 & 1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1000	Unit deployment managers	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1000	First sergeants' meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1300	Chem Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
1300	Flightline drivers training	Bldg. 6825, Rm. 243
1300	HRDC Meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1400	Make-up fitness walk	Gym indoor track
1550-1615	Sign-out	1550--LG 1600-MXS 1610--CES, MSS, WG
Sunday		
0630-0700	Sign in	Assigned Unit
0730	Information Management Training	Bldg. 4238, STARBASE
0730	Human Relations	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0745	Firearms training	Firing range
0800	UCI meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0800-1000	Dental Class 3 profile reviews	Base dental clinic
0800-1300	Eyeglass inserts	Bldg. 4845 (by hospital)
0800	Initial Warfare (appointment only)	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 329
0800	Career advisor training	Bldg. 6815, T-Net
0800	Chem. Warfare Refresher	Hangar 7
0830	Substance Abuse	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
0900	Catholic Mass	Base Chapel 2
0900	Unit advisory council	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
0945	EO First Duty Station Part 1	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1000-1030	Protestant services	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 227
1030	Family readiness briefing	Bldg. 4713, Rm. 17
1200-1400	Flu shots	Hangar 1
1230	SORTS meeting	Bldg. 6803, Rm. 105
1230	EOC testing	Bldg. 4314, 3rd floor
1300	EO First Duty Station Part 2	Bldg. 4714, 3rd Floor
1400	Wing Commander's Call	A-10 hangar
1550-1615	Sign-out	1550--LG 1600-MXS 1610--CES, MSS, WG

Know anyone who is looking for a recruiter?

Barksdale AFB, La.

Master Sgt. Joe Menna
Master Sgt. Don Copeland
Tech. Sgt. Gary Johnson
1-800-241-4071

Monroe, La.

318-323-1898

Texarkana, Texas

Staff Sgt. Matt Lucas, 903-223-7030
Interested in becoming a recruiter? Call 917th Wing Recruiting at 456-9751.

Shreveport, La.

Master Sgt. Ellen Shaheed
318-683-0331

Little Rock AFB, Ark.

Tech. Sgt. TeNeuss Land
501-987-7188

Mesquite/Tyler, Texas

Tech. Sgt. Clark Fitzpatrick
972-681-6384/903-534-8618

SERVICES

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Saturday

7 - 11 a.m. - Newcomers in-processing.
11 a.m. - 4 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)

Sunday

7 - 8 a.m. - Closed for training.
8 a.m. - 2 p.m. - All customer service functions (open during lunch)
2:30 - 4 p.m. - Closed for training.

Monday - Friday

7 a.m. - 4 p.m. All services

NOTE: Customer Service functions include in & out processing, ID cards, DEERS, DD93s, SGLI, Vehicle Decals, Record Reviews, etc.

Base Billeting

Bldg. 5155, 456-3091/3092

Open 24 hours a day, seven days a week (reservations required).

Chaplain

Bldg. 6803, Room 239, 456-9179

Friday - Sunday - 7 a.m. - 4 p.m.,
Chaplain DeVaul (318) 208-8362

Chaplain Willis (318) 208-8360

Red River Dining Hall

Bldg. 4631

Breakfast - 5:30 - 6:30 a.m.

Lunch MS - 11 - 1 47FS - 11:45
WG - 11 MSS - 11:45 93 BS -
11:15 CES - noon SFS - 12:15

NOTE: You must show ID card, newcomer's letter or DD form 1172.

Family Readiness

Bldg. 4713

Saturday & Sunday - 8 - 11 a.m.

Military drivers license

Military drivers license issue is available on the main UTA in Bldg. 6825, Rm. 240. Issue hours:

Saturday & Sunday, noon - 2 p.m.

Lodging

For information on official or space "A" lodging call 1-888-AF-LODGE. Once the automated system answers, key in the first three letters of the base you are trying to reach.

Military Pay

Main UTA Schedule

Sat. 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., Sun. 1 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Gov. Credit Card Service

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Mon.-Fri. 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Main UTA - 6 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Saturday only)

Military clothing issue

Wednesday 10 - 11:30 a.m.

Main UTA Saturday 10 a.m. - noon, 1 - 3 p.m.

Stepongzi wins flying award



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Maj. Rod Glass, 47th Fighter Squadron flight commander, teaches Frank Stepongzi, Jr., son of Maj. Frank Stepongzi, 917th Wing flying safety officer, the finer points of flying the A-10 simulator. Stepongzi is one of three eighth graders at Cope Middle School, Bossier City, to score 100 percent on both the academic and simulator tests during a Flight Education Program. This two-week program, offered to eighth graders throughout Bossier Parish, instructs students on the history of flight, basic aerodynamics, and flight simulator training. Zachary Glass, son of Maj. Rod Glass, and Brett Anderson, son of Lt. Col. Andy Anderson, 8th Air Force B-52 pilot, were also among the top three.

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